

Buffalo County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Quarterly Meeting

Chairman Loewenstein called the meeting in Fire Station I, Kearney, Nebraska held on January 24, 2005 to order at 7:15P.M.

Roll call

present (11): Robert Anderson, Don Engel, Jr., Vern Fiala, Dale Gibbs, Judy Jobman, Tim Loewenstein, Dan Lynch, Michael Morgan, Wesley Quail, Kim Schmidt and Ken Tracy

Excused (7): Matt Boerkircher, Amy Elwood, Jim Kowalewski, Darrin Lewis, Mike Martinosky, Dan Saathoff, Harlan Simmerman

absent (0)

Greg France advised he is resigning and moving to Axtell to take a job with Axtell Coop which is in Kearney County.

There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Dan Lynch, seconded by Dale Gibbs to approve the minutes of October 24, 2004. Motion carried.

Oral Communication

Robert Anderson advised the Hazmat trailer arrived, is fully stocked and being housed in Gibbon. The Hazmat team is trained and prepared to assist in an emergency.

Chairman Loewenstein reported the Mobile Command Center has been purchased and Gary Ruey of (CNRI) Central Nebraska Regions Interoperability will probably be contacted about dressing it out. Lynch advised there is not enough room at Kearney Fire Station II to add more than one additional bay so at this time building at that location is not a possibility for housing of our Mobile Command post. Loewenstein advised there is a USDA grant available which might help with housing outside the City limits which Lynch will research. Ken Tracy reported Businesses are filing their MSDS and Tier II forms with the Fire Department and Emergency Manager.

Old Business:

Chairman Loewenstein, confirmed the appointments by the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors of Amy Elwood, Response Coordinator - Two Rivers Health Department, Mike Martinosky- Kearney Volunteer Fire Department (representing Suburban Fire); Dan Saathoff, Eaton Corporation (representing Manufacturing); Vern Fiala – Retired (representing Communication); Harlan Simmerman, Elm Creek Fire (representing Rural Fire); and Timothy Loewenstein-Buffalo County Board of Supervisors (representing County Government) with all to serve a (3) three year term on the Buffalo County (LEPC) Local Emergency Planning Committee and have been forwarded to State Emergency Response Commission in Lincoln. (term expired in 2004)

Lynch will check with Kirk Stover in regard to the grant for monies for a Clean Community System Hazardous Cleanup Day in 2005 to be held at the Kearney Area Recycling Center.

New Business

Bob will provide information on the types and cost of shirts which would be available locally for purchase by the LEPC members and report at the April meeting.

Tim reported that the State Communication Alliance of Nebraska (SCAN) has made significant progress toward planning an interoperable wireless communication network. He reported that the Buffalo County Board in November signed the memorandum of understanding for Public Safety Services Interlocal Agreement between the (CNRI) Central Nebraska Radio Interoperability group which is composed of Buffalo, Adams, Dawson, Frontier, Furnas, Gosper, Hall, Hamilton, Harland, Kearney, Phelps and Red Willow and the participating cities and villages within said counties. This interlocal will help to interconnect in emergencies and help solve communications needs through resource sharing.

Reports

The Law Enforcement center is waiting for delivery of the High Speed notification system which will provide mass dialing on 12 lines with each making 24 calls per minute and can be used for a variety of emergency type calling. The phone lines are in.

Dale reported on the Tri City Medical Response system and the ability of three hospitals and ambulances to communicate. They are hoping to be able to piggyback on CNRI.

Vern reminded all of the Hamfest at the Buffalo County Extension Building on January 29th.

Wes voiced his concern about the corner of Hwy 183 and Hwy 40.

Chairman Loewenstein declared the LEPC meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by seconded by to approve by Lynch, seconded by Tracy to adjourn at 7:45 P.M.
Motion carried

Chairman Loewenstein adjourned the meeting until our annual meeting April 25, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Law Enforcement Center.

Judy Jobman, Secretary